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Sent: 2/1/2021 9:41:02 PM
To: Hull, George [Hull.George@epa.gov]
Subject: RE: Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

Good. Thanks.

From: Hull, George <Hull.George@epa.gov>
Sent: Monday, February 01, 2021 4:38 PM
To: Starfield, Lawrence <Starfield.Lawrence@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

Larry,

I just spoke with Tom Carroll. DOJ didn't tell their own Public Affairs person that they had finished with their edits. Tom spoke to them and clarified the situation. We have a green light from DOJ to go forward on the press release. I'm emailing OPA, now. - George

From: Starfield, Lawrence <Starfield.Lawrence@epa.gov>
Sent: Monday, February 01, 2021 3:26 PM
To: Hull, George <Hull.George@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

Wow. This seems like the fourth round of comments from DOJ - it's frustrating. Do we really need their approval for our own press release? If we don't get this out today, we may lose the opportunity to announce it rather than react to a question about it.

From: Hull, George <Hull.George@epa.gov>
Sent: Monday, February 01, 2021 2:03 PM
To: Starfield, Lawrence <Starfield.Lawrence@epa.gov>
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Larry,

I spoke with Danielle Nichols at DOJ. She told me to hold as she expects additional edits that she will send to me this afternoon.-George

Sent from my iPhone

On Feb 1, 2021, at 1:35 PM, Starfield, Lawrence <Starfield.Lawrence@epa.gov> wrote:

No concerns with those minor changes. George, let me know where we are on getting this out.

It makes sense to prepare a few Q&As. Thanks.

Larry

From: Carroll, Thomas <Carroll.Thomas@epa.gov>
Sent: Monday, February 01, 2021 12:54 PM
To: Starfield, Lawrence <Starfield.Lawrence@epa.gov>; Kelley, Rosemarie <Kelley.Rosemarie@epa.gov>; Koslow, Karin <Koslow.Karin@epa.gov>; Hull, George <Hull.George@epa.gov>; Johnson, Kathleen <Johnson.Kathleen@epa.gov>
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Larry, Rosemarie, George,

Please see DOJ's slightly revised: Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP) language below. I have no concerns with the changes; they are not significant changes.

And George, please see the request that you coordinate with Danielle at DOJ. DOJ plans to field any press inquiries by confirming the decision not to appeal but otherwise referring inquiries to EPA.

I do not have draft Q&As yet, but we will work on that and share with DOJ.

Tom

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To: Argentieri, Sabrina <argentieri.sabrina@epa.gov>
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Hi Sabrina,

DOJ is ok with EPA proceeding with the statement today.

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Thanks,
Tom

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